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Dear Brother Tschering:

It was really a great pleasure for me to receive your most welcomed letter of the 7th thru Abu Akram, and was very much surprised at the contents regarding the loss of your letters to me addressed to my box. I'm afraid there is no way to check here as you know how our Govt. Departments function.

I have never doubted you of your ability and willingness to help me, but what you wrote about Khalid makes me sad. However, I have a very good friend in the Jordanian Embassy in Washington who is also a member of the Jordan Permanent Delegation to United Nations; this friend is Mr. Mahmud Toussan, Jordanian Minister to Washington. Mahmud is an ex-army Lt. Col. and used to be the Jordanian Attache in America during Glubb's time. When Glubb was dismissed, he was recalled to Jordan to take command of the 10th Armored Brigade and later offered the post of Chief of Commissions here. He disagreed with Ali Abu Suway and the latter charged him with "Attempt to Change the Regime in Jordan". He appeared before a Court Martial here and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment, reduced to 1 year. Mahmud's case was transmitted to the King for sanction, the King issued a Royal Decree annulling the Military Court decision, and appointed Mahmud Jordanian Minister to Washington. Mahmud is a real gentleman and a sincere friend. Go visit him and ask him to tell you about his case. You can also discuss with him the subject of my application for a passport, as he knows about it when he was here and he is also trying to help me. Why don't you check with Miss Miller in U.N. ? You remember that she was the one who sent me the last letter saying that I have been placed on the list for consideration at the occurrence of a suitable vacancy.

Another friend of mine who migrated to America and now works in Washington and lives in Arlington, Virginia, wrote me a letter a few days ago telling me that if I go to the States as a student, I could study at night three times a week and work during the day. Since you have been kind enough to find a job for me, would you check for me the possibility of entering a University to study Journalism at night and work during the day. This appears to be the only way to get into the States and since you have so many friends who are willing to help you or do you favors, you could easily give these informations.

Regarding the barbaric acts and their function in Jordan, it is a fact that they are operating through Syria where they are in power through the Army Officers, there such as Colonel Abdulhamid Sarraj, Chief of Syrian Army Intelligence, Captain Akkash Jalay who used to be Commandant of Military Police and now is Director of the Military College (Staff) in Hama. There are many other officers who are "Mocarret" and who have been placed in high positions since 1954 and 1955 after the purge attempt was carried out against the USRP (FPS). As how the communists became strong there and infiltrated in here, this was first felt when the Russians and their satellites participated the the Damascus International Fair, on the pretence of exhibiting communist-made goods, they have been able to bring in huge amounts of money and financed the Communist party there headed by Khayr Bakdash who succeeded in elections and became M.P. The present Syrian Prime Minister Sabri Assaly wanted to oppose the Communists openly especially when they joined forces with the death of Akram Hourani; and both the Reds and Ba'athists got rid of the non-Communist and non-Ba'athist officers of the

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army and replaced them with their own officers. Then when they were sure of the support of Egypt, they turned to Jordan and upon cancelling passports between Jordan and Syria, they started sending their agents into Jordan. These agents were carefully briefed as to the methods which they should follow here among the people; they played with the feeling of hatred the people had for Britain, France, and other Western Powers and started feeding them communism under "Arab Nationalism". You know how emotional people here are, and Bolganin's and Khrushchev's threats to France and France made the reds very popular and thus raised the prestige of communism. The barbarian agents were not idle; they took advantage of this and began spreading their poison. Our (Abu Faris), who wants to become a hero in the eyes of the people here and who wants to remain in power, kept on adapting himself to circumstances hoping to remain in his chair by their support and humoring them. He started by a campaign against our people the SSNP (PPS) - Syrian Social Nationalist Party of Anton Saadeh; he arrested thirteen men and put them in jail and is keeping a close tailing on the other known members. But when King Hussein addressed him that memorable royal message commanding him to fight communism, Abu Faris pretended to accede to the Royal wish and banned Tasse News Agency from entering Jordan and confiscated their paper published here ALJANAHEER; also confiscated the communist books and magazines from the book-shops. This is all he did and the people out here are wondering why he does not take further steps and detain the dirty leaders. It is very apparent that Abu Faris wants to stay in the favor of Abdul Nasser, so does Ali Abu Nuwar who dreams of becoming another Abdul Nasser in Jordan. All previous signs and developments indicate that there must have been a secret agreement between Nasser and Shepilov whereby it was agreed that Russia would supply Egypt with arms and in return Egypt

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Abu Faris is doing his best to become No. 1 man here by insisting on terminating the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty on March 1st. You remember that the King ousted Glubb on March 1st 1956 and Abu Faris wants to cover up the King's heroic action with announcing the termination of the treaty as of March 1st. But our young Monarch is a very clever and far-seeing man; he does not intend to give Abu Faris this heroism. Therefore he is doing his best to make Abu Faris resign while the latter is doing everything possible to stay in power. I don't believe Abu Faris will remain much longer in Office; the strongest candidates to form the new Cabinet are Samir Ridai and your friend Said Mufti.

In conclusion, I leave it to you to do whatever is possible, and I rely on you as to the best way in which I can come to the States.

Please convey my respects to your wife, with a hello to Kazbek, Sara and Susanna. Awaiting to hear from you soon,

s/ Yours, George